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VIA Email & U.S. MAIL

Robert Jepson, Vice President Business Development Adventist HealthCare, Inc. 820 West Diamond Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Re:

Adventist Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Washington Adventist Hospital Replacement of Washington Adventist Hospital and Reconfiguration of the former Washington Adventist Hospital Campus in Takoma Park -- Matter No. 13-15-2349

Dear Mr. Jepson:

We have reviewed your December 12, 2014 response to Commission Staff's letter of December 4, 2014, concerning the CON application identified above. The application will be docketed for review effective January 9, 2015. Notice of docketing of the application will appear in the *Maryland Register* on that day. Although the application will be docketed, Commission staff has some additional clarification questions as follows:

- 1. Justify the reasonableness of the \$200,000 contingency for the Behavioral health renovations in terms of the nature and the scope of the planned renovations.
- 2. Specify the source of the \$5,223,506 in cash that will fund the project.
- 3. Provide additional information on outpatient behavioral health visits (at least two years actual and then projected through 2023). Specify the charge per visit assumptions that led to the projection of \$2,297,000 in gross outpatient revenue in 2019 and \$2,374,000 in 2020.
- 4. Regarding the State Health Plan for Facilities and Services: Psychiatric Services, COMAR 10.24.07, responses to the standards were submitted in the original application

dated October 4, 2013(pages 79 through 84), in response to the October 23, 2013 completeness questions (questions 24 and 25) and in response to question 7 of the December 10, 2013 completeness questions. In addition the need for the beds was addressed on pages 107 through 114 of the October 4, 2013 application and in response to question 29c of the October 23, 2013 completeness letter. Please update the information provided in the October 23, 2013 application and completeness responses to account for changes that have occurred in the interim, if any.

Please submit six copies of the responses to completeness questions and the additional information requested in this letter within ten working days of receipt. Also submit the response electronically, in both Word and PDF format, to Ruby Potter (ruby.potter@maryland.gov).

All information supplementing the applicant must be signed by person(s) available for cross-examination on the facts set forth in the supplementary information, who shall sign a statement as follows: "I hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in this application and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief."

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (410)764-5982 or Joel Riklin at (410) 764-5596.

Sincerely.

Kevin McDonald

Chief, Certificate of Need

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